



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 22, 2020 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mrs. Judy Vacca ..... Pastoral Minister  
 Dr. Mary Rose WorriLOW..... Principal  
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 Mr. Timothy Reilly ..... Music Director

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Holy Day ..... As announced  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

## NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)  
 Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM  
 (Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

# G O D K N O W S

*when to send you  
exactly what you need.*

“Surreal,” “unprecedented,” “uncharted territory,” “trying times,” “crazy times;” these are just some of the terms that I’ve heard used as I write during just this second day of our “coronation.” “Coronation” is the term coined by (who else?) our high school youth to describe the suddenly announced vacation from school and now shut-down of just about everything. Ahh, youth! It is good to laugh a little, especially in the midst of difficult and uncertain times. Today, the Archbishop announced the suspension of public Masses until further notice in order to adhere to government guidelines with the hope of containing spread of COVID-19. Most archdiocesan and parish activities have been suspended. Due to the most recent guidelines concerning this virus and in the best interest of our parish community’s physical health, Friday Night Stations of the Cross are suspended and our Adoration Chapel will be closed until further notice. These are indeed, unprecedented times for us, but we are not a people of despair. We are a people of Faith and Hope! Trying times give rise to new opportunities. Lent for us this year can take on a whole new meaning and our own personal prayer can take on a whole new depth. Don’t despair; don’t panic – and maintain a sense of humor! Someone has said during Lent they know that they are supposed to give up something, but that they didn’t think that they would have to give up everything! Here then, are just some suggestions of what we *can* do during our “coronation.”

1. Make use of the technology that’s available. Use the cell or computer to stay in touch with family and friends whether by talking or texting, using *Facetime*, *Facebook*, *What’s App*, or any number of other social media. (If you’re not sure about any of these, just check with the nearest young person in your life!)
2. Keep a diary of what’s taking place and what you are doing. Be creative! Your diary could be written or digital, contain pictures or poetry. You could vent some anger at being cooped-up or express joy at having some down time. Who knows? A couple of years from now, you might have an epic novel on your hands or the screenplay for a major motion picture!
3. Get some fresh air, even if it’s just in the backyard. I read something that said viruses hate fresh air.
4. And of course, pray! Pray for the sick. Pray for a containment of the virus. Pray for a vaccine. Turn especially to Our Lady. We know that the Lord can hardly turn down a request made by His Mother!

***Our Lady of the Holy Cross! Pray for us!***

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b>
8:30 AM	Nancy Fortunato
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>
8:30 AM	Cecelia Poppert and Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>
8:30 AM	Bernard Campbell
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>
12:15 PM	Lorri Rudolph
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>
8:30 AM	Sam Forlano

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>
4:30 PM	People of Holy Cross
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>
8:30 AM	Sarah Abate

## Thank you!

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<i>Amount Received</i>	<i>\$7,526</i>

Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Archbishop  
222 North 17th Street  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the *Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land* on *April 10, 2020*. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J Perez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Lyndi Butler  
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 Samuel Dephillippo  
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 Kathleen Dixon  
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 Joseph Sindoni  
 Adele Sulpizio  
 George Vrettos  
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The St. Kevin Knights of Columbus will be selling crab cakes again this Easter season. Please call Al Porrini at 610-543-4851 to place an order. Orders can be mailed to Al Porrini, 122 Harned Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Please include payment with all orders. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 29. Orders must be picked up on Thursday, April 2, at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center between the hours of 4:15 PM-7:00 PM. Thank you very much for your continued support in helping us do great things in our community and may you enjoy a blessed Easter Season with your families.

## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council has decided, due to the current Coronavirus concerns, to cancel the Semi-Annual Pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday, March 29th. We apologize but we felt that it was the best course of action at this time. Thank you all for your past and future Support of our events.

*Holy Cross Church  
Springfield, PA*

2020

### Holy Week Schedule

*Saturday, April 4, -Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM*

*Palm Sunday, April 5*

*Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 AM*

*Monday, April 6 at St. Eugene Church*

*Confessions—7:00 to 8:00 PM*

*Holy Thursday, April 9*

*Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30 PM*

*Night Prayer—10:00 PM*

*Good Friday, April 10*

*Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM*

*Celebration of the Passion of the Lord -  
3:00PM*

*Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM*

*Holy Saturday, April 11*

*Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM*

*Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM*

*Easter Sunday, April 12*

*Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 AM*

# POSTPONED

## UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### *7th Annual Nicole Gallo Sunshine & Bubbles 5K Sunday, March 29*

Please join us on Sunday, March 29, at 1:00 PM to remember and celebrate the many ways Nicole Gallo (Prendie '08 Holy Cross '04) touched the lives of those around her and how she continues to inspire our community. Register for our 5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash today! In addition to the race, our two-day celebration will feature a memorial Mass on Saturday, March 28 in the Bonner & Prendie Chapel at 4:30 PM. Race Day festivities include a special tribute to first responders, and a free, pre-race celebration with music, face painting, moon bounce and a visit with the Easter Bunny! All event proceeds benefit the Nicole Gallo Sunshine Scholarship administered through Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School, with scholarships awarded to both Holy Cross and Bonner and Prendie students. Register at [www.runsignup.com/races](http://www.runsignup.com/races) (Search: Nicole Gallo) and follow us on Facebook for more information at "The Nicole Gallo Sunshine & Bubbles 5K" or on Twitter and Instagram @NicoleGallo-Run. Questions? Interested in sponsoring? Send us an email at [SunshineAndBubbles1211@gmail.com](mailto:SunshineAndBubbles1211@gmail.com) Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated and generously donated in the past!

## Do you or your company pay PA state taxes?

Do you or your company pay Pennsylvania state taxes? Why not donate them to Holy Cross School? Both businesses and individuals can redirect their PA state tax dollars through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. The application process is easy and we can work hand-in-hand with you to complete it. At Holy Cross, 100% of your donation through EITC and OSTC is used for scholarships for students and tuition assistance for our families to afford a Catholic Education.

### Individuals

Individuals can redirect up to 100% of their personal Pennsylvania state income tax bill to Holy Cross. Donors will receive a tax credit for 90% of the EITC or OSTC contribution, which reduces their state income taxes dollar-for-dollar. Further, many individuals will also be able to claim a charitable deduction on their federal tax return for the 10% not included in the tax credit.

### Corporations

Corporations are also eligible to receive a 90% Pennsylvania tax credit if they are authorized to do business in Pennsylvania and are subject to one or more of the following taxes:

- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Insurance Premium Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine)
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- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Capital Stock and Franchise Tax
- Mutual Thrift Tax
- Malt Beverage Tax
- Retaliatory Fees under section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921
- Personal Income Tax of corporation shareholders or Partnership partners

If you have any questions, please stop in the Business Office and we can provide assistance.

## *The Corner*

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Evangelization Team*

**Has some injustice been done to you? Kneel before the cross of Jesus and what do you see there? The innocent Son of God nailed to the cross. And what does He do? He forgives His persecutors.**

**Is there a lack of forgiveness in you somewhere? Kneel before the cross of Jesus often during Lent and see what happens**

### ***Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Perez regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)***

Over the last several weeks, the potential spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has dramatically impacted our lives and our communities. As the number of cases grows exponentially each day, government and health officials are diligently working to contain the virus.

During this pandemic, we are reminded that life is truly precious and that we all are one family under God. As Christians, we should respond to this pandemic with great faith and prudence.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have developed guidelines to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. We should incorporate their strategies into our daily lives in an effort to protect ourselves as well as others, especially those most vulnerable, including the elderly and individuals with compromised immune systems.

God is always by our side. He never abandons us. I invite you to join me in prayerful solidarity during this uncertain time. I remind you to keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ the crucified and Christ the merciful and to encounter others with charity and understanding.

Let us pray for the sick, suffering, and their caregivers as well as government and health officials. With God's grace and blessing, we will navigate the difficult waters of this challenge as a united human family, for after all is said and done, we are people of Hope!

+Nelson J. Pérez

*Archbishop of Philadelphia*

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

### **What's Going On At Holy Cross**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We are going through something that is truly unprecedented. Our students are learning at home using Goggle Classroom, work packets and various websites. The teachers are online as well to answer any questions that may come up.**

**The pie sale for the 8th grade is still taking place. Please go to the school website [www.hcscrusaders.com](http://www.hcscrusaders.com) for instructions to order.**

**We pray for a quick end to this virus.**

**Stay Safe and God Bless you.**

**Dr. Worrilow**





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